(c) whether it is also a fact that Information Technology industry has urged to increase this upto three per cent;

(d) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) Government's scheme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRISU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (N ASSCOM) estimates, India currently spends about 1.1 per cent of its GDP on Information Technology.

(c) to (e) The Planning Commission has recommended that each Ministry/ Department must allocate 2-3 per cent of its Budget on IT promotion. This is a step for development of domestic software industry and move towards Electronic Governance.

Promotion of small and medium enterprises under STPI

4988. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up ten new Centres in secondary locations in order to promote the small and medium enterprises under the Software Technology Parks of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any budgetary outlay has been made for the current financial year;

(d) if so, whether the fiscal outlay is sufficient; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken for setting up of these Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The setting up of new centre is based on export potential as well as the State Government's willingness to provide land, built up area and financial support. A list of STPI (Software Technology Parks of India) Centres, under various stages of Implementation is given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below) As of now 39 Centres have been set up all over the country as given in the enclosed Statement-II (See below).

(c) to (e) A budgetary outlay of Rs. 5 Crores grant-in-aid to STPI has been made for 2003-04.

Statement-I

Centres at various stages of implementation

SI. No.	STPI Centres	States
1.	Durgapur	West Bengal
2.	Goa	Goa
3.	Gangtok	Sikkim
4.	Gurgaon	Haryana
5.	Janiinii	Jammu and Kashmir
6.	Kharagpur	West Bengal
7.	Patna	Bihar
8.	Patiala	Punjab
9.	Ranchi	Jharkhand
10.	ShUlong	Meghalaya
11.	Jodhpur	Rajasthan

Statement-II

Centres set up by STPI

SI. No.	STPI Centres	States
1.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
3.	Bangalore	Kamataka
4.	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
5.	Bhilai	Chhattisgarh
6.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
7.	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
8.	Dchradun	Uttaranchal
9.	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
10.	Guwahati	Assam

SI. No.	STPI Centres	Stales
11.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
12.	Hubli	Kamataka
13.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
14.	Jaipur	Rajasthan
15.	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Kolkata	West Bengal
17.	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
18.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
19.	Mangalore	Kamataka
20.	Manipal	Kamataka
21.	Mohali	Punjab
22.	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
23.	Mysore	Kamataka
24.	Nagpur	Maharashtra
25.	Nasik	Maharashtra
26.	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
27.	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
28.	Pandicherry	Pondicherry
29.	Pune	Maharashtra
30.	Rourkela	Orissa
31.	Thirunavelli	Tamil Nadu
32.	Thirupati	Andhra Pradesh
33.	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
34.	Trichy	Tamil Nadu
35.	Shimla	Hiniachal Pradesh
36.	Srinagar	Jammu and Kashmir
37.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
38.	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
39.	Warangal	Andhra Pradesh